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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re the Application of: **Michael WIEDEMAN et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3636**

Application No.: **10/035,334**

Examiner: **Anthony D. Barfield**

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For: **VEHICLE SEAT**

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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NONCOMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 9, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Notice dated May 16, 2006, this paper hereby responds to said Notice.

In response to the requirement from the Notice that there must be a "mapping" of all independent claims, attached hereto is a supplement to Summary of Claimed Subject Matter. The supplement includes the independent claims in which the reference numerals for the claimed elements are inserted into the claims. It is submitted that in addition to the original "Summary of Claimed Subject Matter", the independent claims with a "mapping" complies with the Notice of Noncompliant Appeal Brief.

Additionally, the Notice indicates that Exhibits 1-6, submitted with the Appeal Brief on March 6, 2006, have not been scanned. Accordingly, attached hereto is a copy of the return receipt postcard with a Patent Office stamp indicating that Exhibits 1-6 were filed along with the

Appeal Brief. Furthermore, copies of Exhibits 1-6 are enclosed herewith along with the coversheet of the "Evidence Appendix" (page 25).

Accordingly, in view of the attached papers, Appellants submit that the requirements of the Notice have been complied with.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Appeal Brief be accepted as complete.

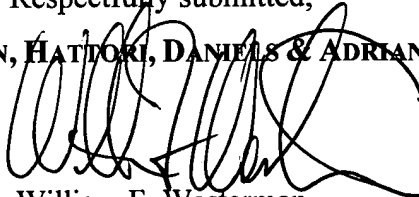
**CONCLUSION**

If the Examiner believes that there are issues remaining to be resolved in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite and complete prosecution of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

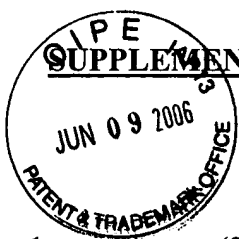
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Attachments: Supplement to (V) Summary of Claimed Subject Matter  
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Exhibits 1-7



**SUPPLEMENT TO (V) SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER**  
**MAPPING OF INDEPENDENT CLAIMS**

1. A seat (34) adapted for use in a vehicle (10) having a floor (28) and a roof (26),  
comprising:

- a central pillar (11) extending from the floor (28) to the roof (26) of the vehicle (10);
- a center support (12) extending forwardly from said central pillar (11);
- a lower rib (14a) extend laterally from said center support (12);
- a seat bottom (20) directly fixed to and supported by said lower rib (14a);
- a primary intermediate rib (16a) extending laterally from said central pillar (11); and
- a seat back (22) fixed to and supported by said intermediate rib (16a).

25. A seat (34) adapted for use in a vehicle (10) having a floor (28) and a roof (26),  
comprising:

a central pillar (11) extending from the floor (28) to the roof (26) of the vehicle  
(10);

- a lower rib (14a) extend laterally from said central pillar (11);
- a seat bottom (20) fixed to and supported by said lower rib (14a);
- a primary intermediate rib (16a) extending laterally from said central pillar (11);

and

a seat back (22) fixed to and supported by said intermediate rib (16a).

28. A seat (34) adapted for use in a vehicle (10) having a floor (28) and a roof (26),  
comprising:

a pillar (11) extending from the floor (28) to the roof (26) of the vehicle (10);

a center support (12) extending forwardly from said pillar (11);

a lower rib (14a) extend laterally from said center support (12);

a seat bottom (20) fixed to and supported by said lower rib (14a);

a primary intermediate rib (16a) extending laterally from said pillar (11); and

a seat back (22) fixed to and supported by said intermediate rib (16a).



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1. Submission of Appeal
2. Appeal Brief
3. Exhibits 1-7
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Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the papers filed as indicated  
in connection with the above-identified case.

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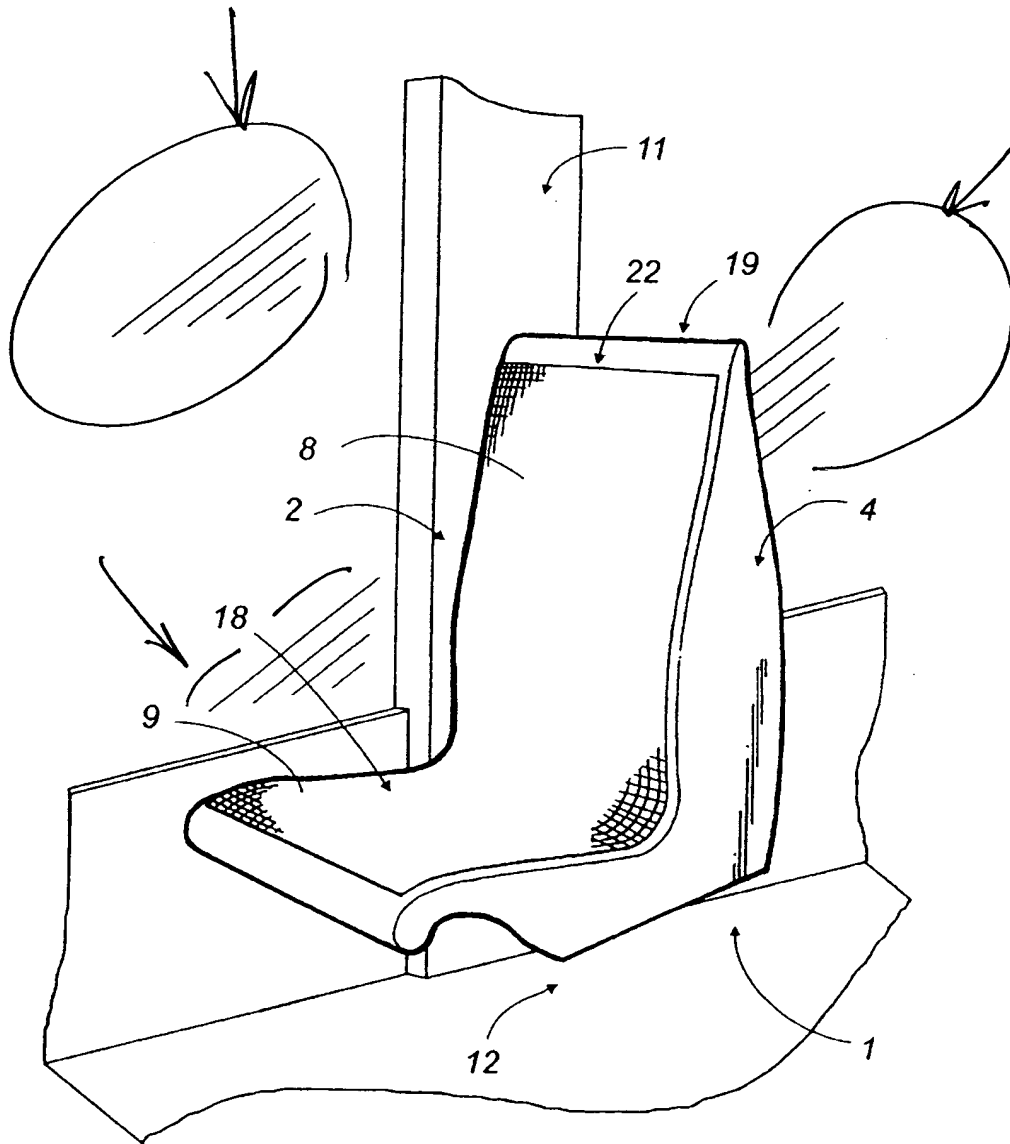
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## EVIDENCE APPENDIX

Exhibit 1	Annotated Fig. 3
Exhibit 2	Annotated Fig. 4
Exhibit 3	Annotated Fig. 5
Exhibit 4	Annotated Fig. 6
Exhibit 5	Annotated Fig. 9
Exhibit 6	Annotated Fig. 10
Exhibit 7	<u>In re Gordon</u> , 733 F.2d 900, 902, 221 USPQ 1125, 1127 (Fed. Cir. 1984)



**FIG.3**





**FIG. 4**

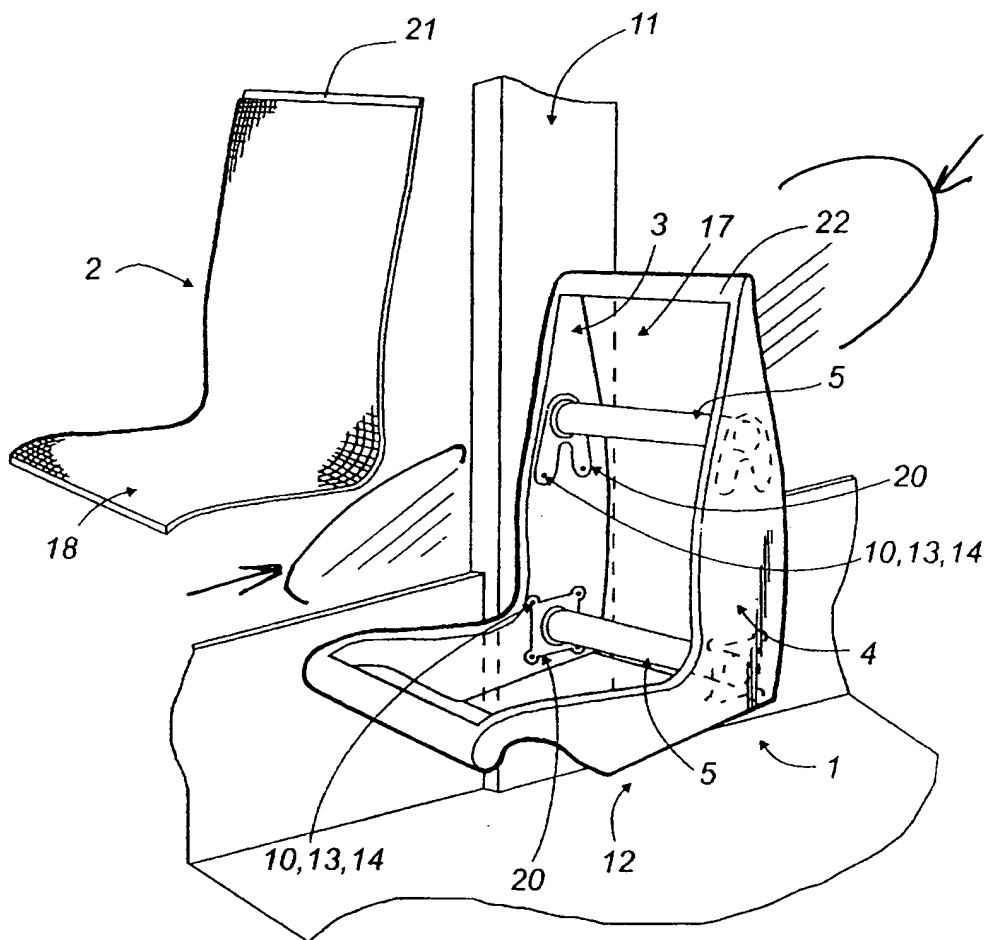
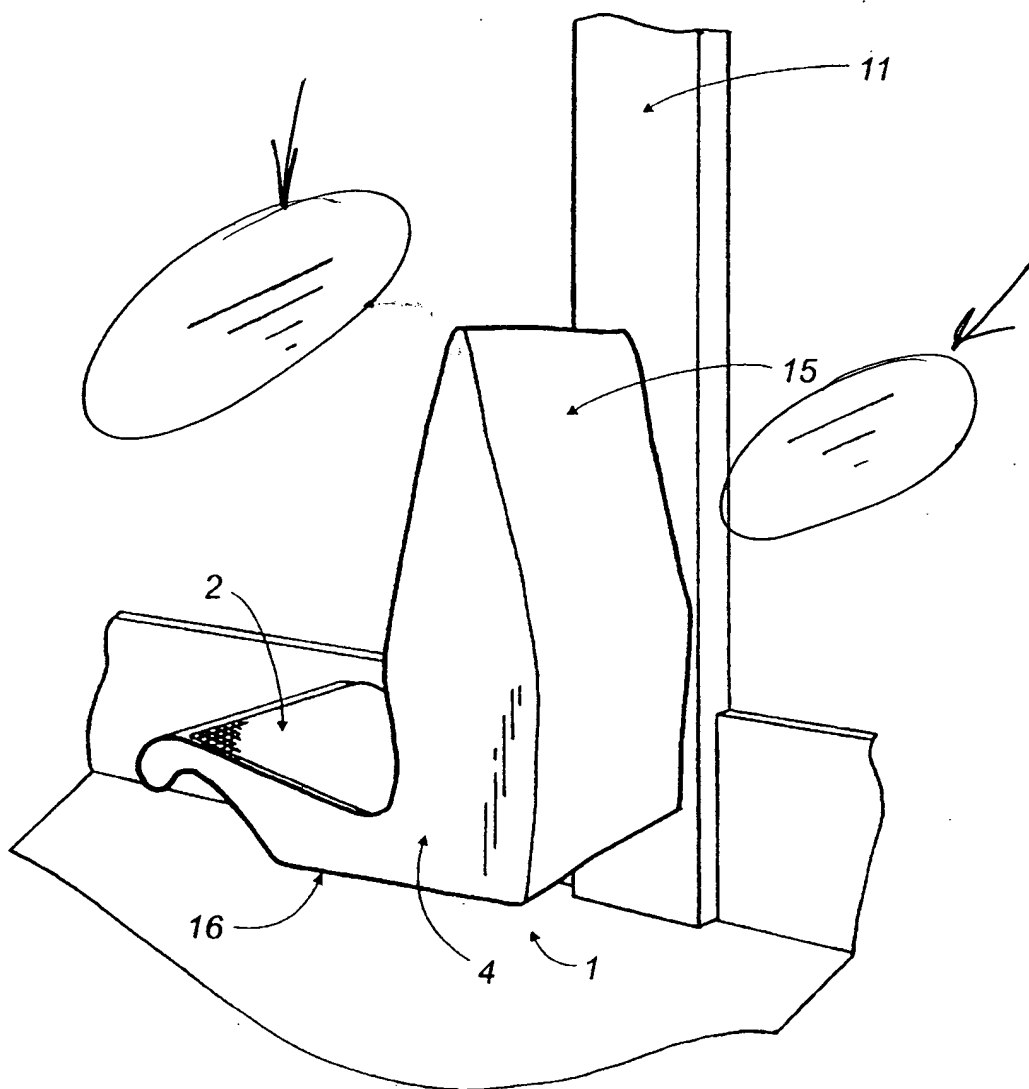


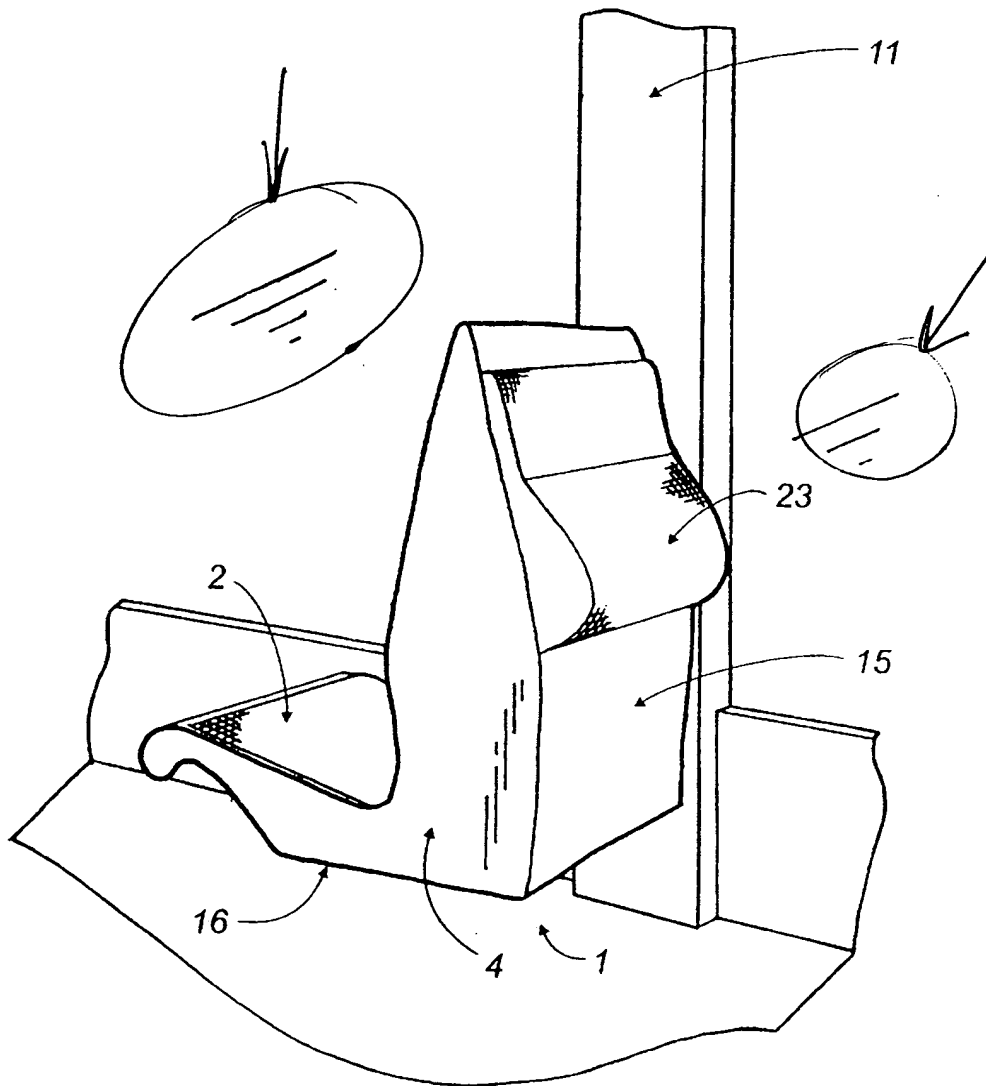


FIG. 5





**FIG. 6**





**FIG. 9**

